

Key Ideas

Changes within your lifetime	Since you were born a number of things have changed within hospitals to ensure greater care. This has been mainly to do with developments in technology which is always making care more effective.
Changes beyond your lifetime.	Hospitals have changed significantly since nurses like Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell.
Significant individuals	These nurses made such amazing changes to the way patients were looked after in hospitals. Without them, the care given today may have been different.

Key words

Explanation

The Crimean War	The Crimean War was fought between 1853 and 1856. It was fought in the Crimea an area in the south of Russia at the time (now part of Ukraine). On one side were Britain, France, and Turkey, and on the other side was Russia.
past	The time before the moment of speaking or writing. Past can be not so long ago (recent) or it can be many years ago (distant).
achievements	A thing done successfully with effort, skill, or courage.
significant	Important

Key Questions

Why were these nurses so important?

Which nurse do you feel made the most impact?

How would the nurses have travelled to Crimea?

Why is Florence Nightingale known as the Lady of the Lamp?

Do you know of any other significant people who have helped to make treatment more effective?

Key Figures

Mary Jane Seacole (23 November 1805- 14 May 1881) was a British-Jamaican businesswoman who set up the "British Hotel" behind the lines during the Crimean War. Here, she cared for wounded soldiers and officers.



Florence Nightingale (12 May 1820 – 13 August 1910) was a founder of modern nursing. Nightingale served as a manager and trainer of nurses during the Crimean War in which she organised care for wounded soldiers. She gave nursing a favourable reputation and became known in Victorian culture as "The Lady with the Lamp."

